



BRIGHT STARS NEWS

2nd January 2018

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Happy New Year 2018

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We pray for good health, team work and happiness throughout 2018. We believe you all had fun during the Christmas holiday.

Welcome

We are very pleased to "Welcome" everyone back. We are looking forward to providing activities in which all children can learn and grow to become 'Bright Stars' of the future.

Christmas Performance

Special Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their kind Christmas cards and their beautiful Christmas presents for all staff. We really appreciate your kind gestures. You made a big positive change to our Christmas celebration time. God Bless You all!

I will also like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the **STAFF** at Bright Stars (Edmonton) for all their hard work in 2017 and the Christmas Production. We have all returned full of energy and ideas to support the development of the children.

Christmas Production

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Production as much as we did, we felt that all the children looked wonderful and performed beautifully in their Nativity Play, Fashion and French Show - **well done children.**

Thank you Santa for your presents



Labelling children's clothes

We are back from our holidays and the weather is still cold, we understand that your children need extra layers to keep warm and it is very important that everyone labels their children's belongings in order to avoid any confusion. Thank you

Extra-curricular Activities

All our extra-curricular activities commence again next week; Time to talk, Jolly Phonics, Time for Maths, Explorers and Yoga and our Ballet, French and Football classes commence from Monday, 9th January 2018.

You do need to inform Eileen at the end of each term if you do not want your child to continue with the French and Football classes as you will continue to be invoiced unless we have received notice from you. All children taking part in these sessions who we have not received notice from will be invoiced for this term with their January invoice. Thank you.

Nursery Practitioner of the month of December 2017

I would also like to say Congratulation to **Maria Laban** for winning **employee of the month.** Thank you for your continuous hard works and commitment.

Love Eileen xx

Admission to Primary Schools September 2018

If you have not yet applied for your child's place at your chosen school in Enfield Borough, it is time to hurry as forms need to be in by 15th of January 2018.

Parents evening - a date for your diary

Our next parent's evening will be held in March and we will notify you of the date in the next newsletter. Parent's evenings are held from 6:00pm-8:00pm. For those parents who are new to the setting, we hold parent's evenings twice a year and you will also receive a written report of your child's progress on the night. Parent's evenings are a social event and an opportunity for you to meet other parents. Additionally refreshments are provided and usually a children's bookseller is in attendance. Date will be found in our February Newsletter.

Babies exploring with Shredded Paper pretending it is Snow

Nursery Fees Increase – 1st January 2018

Following our recent email regarding the nursery fee increase please ensure that you change any direct debits .

Invoices and Payment

Your monthly invoice will be enclosed with this newsletter. Where possible we prefer payment to be made directly by bank transfer. Our bank details are as follows and **please always use your child's name as reference:-**

Sort Code: 40-20-23 **Account no:** 61627759 **Account name:** Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

Changes to Payment Methods

Please note that we will no longer be accepting credit card payments with effect from 14th January 2018. This has not been a service greatly used by parents and the escalating costs of providing this method has meant that we cannot continue to offer this payment method. We would encourage parents to utilise online and telephone banking to process payments at their convenience or to call head office on 01992 676631 in order to make a debit card payment over the phone from 9am – 5.30pm. If there are any issues or concerns as a result of this change please contact Linda at Head office.

Confirmation of Fees letter to Tax Office and other Government Departments.

Please be advised that all correspondence to the tax office or other Government departments is sent directly to them following requests from parents. To avoid any confusion we always include reference numbers on such correspondence. Please ensure, therefore, that you provide copies of any letters from the Tax Office which require a response from us to be attached to your requests to us. All such requests should be sent to Linda@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk

REMINDERS!

Mobile phones

In order to safeguard all our nursery children, the use of mobile phones in the nursery is strictly forbidden. This applies to our staff, students, visitors, volunteers and parents. If you are on a phone call on your arrival or receive phone calls while in our setting we would appreciate if you could ensure that you leave the Nursery premises to answer the calls. Thank you.

Labelling of children's clothes

Please can I ask that you all label your child's clothing in order to avoid any confusion?

Nursery Main Door

Parents, please can you ensure that when leaving the nursery, you do not allow anyone in without a member of staff being aware off and also make sure the nursery doors are properly shut to ensure the safety of all children. Thank you

Parking safely

Parents please do not park on the pavement directly outside the nursery gates. This is dangerous for pedestrians and children entering and leaving the nursery. There have been cases where the local authority has handed out fines for this.

Policies and Procedures

If you would like to look at all our Policies and Procedures in more detail, these are contained in the Red folder on the desk in the reception area. If you need a copy of a particular policy or procedure, then please speak to Eileen.

Website

Our website at www.brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk has some lovely pictures of our children and setting, the website also includes a "News" page which will be updated with our nursery's current activities and a "Recruitment" page where will contain details of current vacancies.

Email address

If you would like to communicate with us via email the address is: eileen@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk.

Nursery SEND-CO Officers
(Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinators)

Osayande Allende

Tessa Stevens

If you require any further information regarding the SENCO role or are worried about any aspect of your child's development please feel free to talk to Osa/Tessa for a confidential chat.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and a healthy 2018

Eileen White
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Bright Stars Nursery
Monthly Activity & Learning Programme

Month: January 2018
General Theme: New Year/Winter
Mini Topics: (Following the interests of the children)

- Welcoming each other
- Detecting Winter
- Winter Weather
- Winter Clothes
- Winter Animals/Sports

Festivals/Special events:

Detailed activity plans are displayed on the notice board but some examples of our activities programmed for this month are:

Welcoming each other <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting and Greeting• Friendship Bracelets• finding out what our friends did during Christmas holiday and what present they got from Santa	Detecting Winter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collecting leaves from the park• Looking at the pine cones through Magnifying glasses• Discussing and talking about Winter Clothes• Leaf Painting• Trip to the Library to find Winter Books to read
Winter Weather <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion about Winter Weather 3-5's• Making Snow 2-3's• Sensory Play with ice and animals	Winter Clothes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing Winter clothes we can see at nursery• What we wear in Winter (Circle time)• Looking at Winter clothes from the Magazine
Winter Animals/Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating our own Winter wonderland• Making Animal mask• Looking at and talking about animals that lives in cold countries 3-5's	January Nursery Rhymes/Song – This is the way we wash This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands, This is the way we wash our hands, On a cold and frosty Morning Repeat using; Wash our clothes Wash our face Put on our clothes etc.

Osayande Allende
Deputy Manger